

Sinclair Broadcasting must not be allowed to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary in the brief time remaining before the election. Their attempt is a clear example of why media consolidation is dangerous. The public needs to have both sides of the story, not just one which the corporation promotes.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get only the corporate message. We want local stations broadcasting information relevant to our local communities. We want to hear about issues that concern us locally.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Renewal of a broadcasting license should be earned, not just given automatically. And any political messages must be presented in a balanced way.

Thank you.